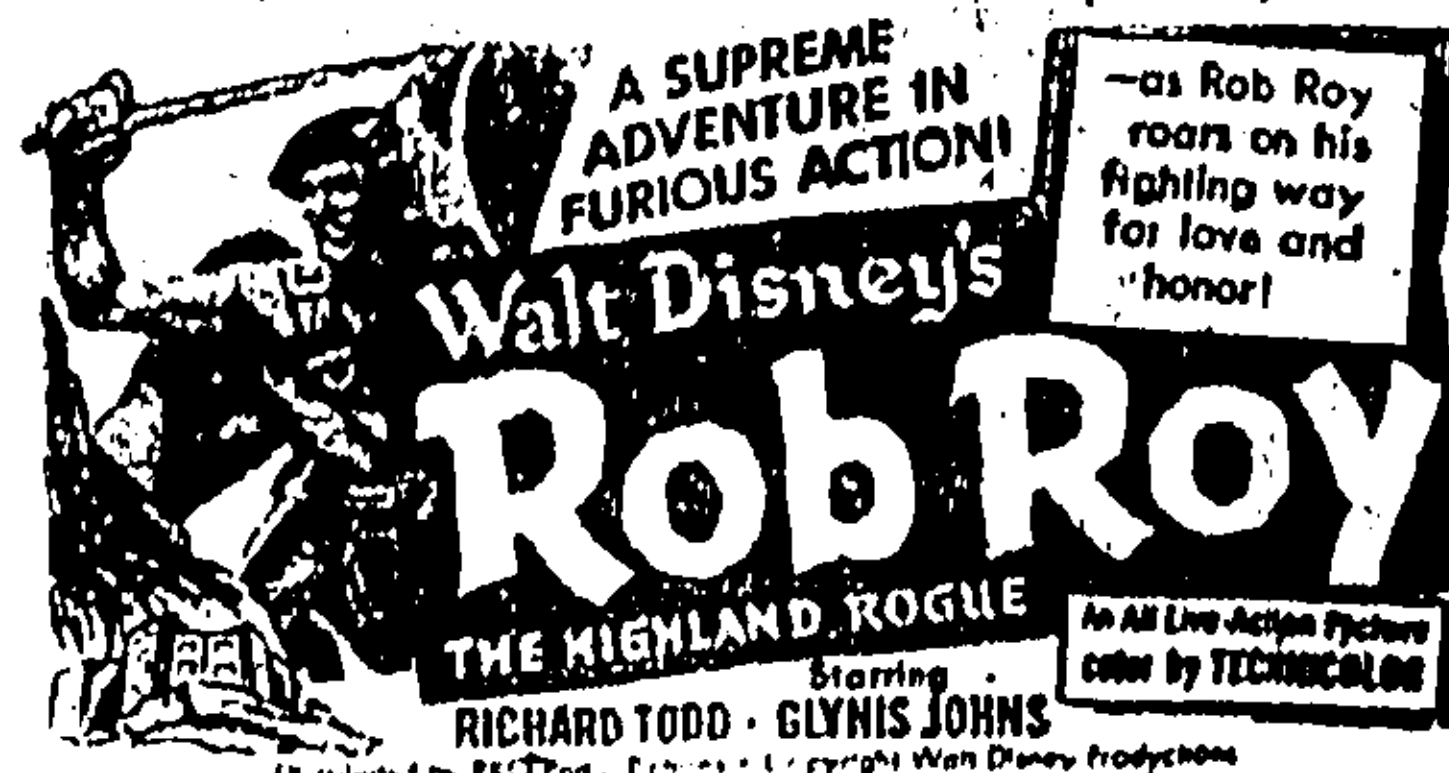


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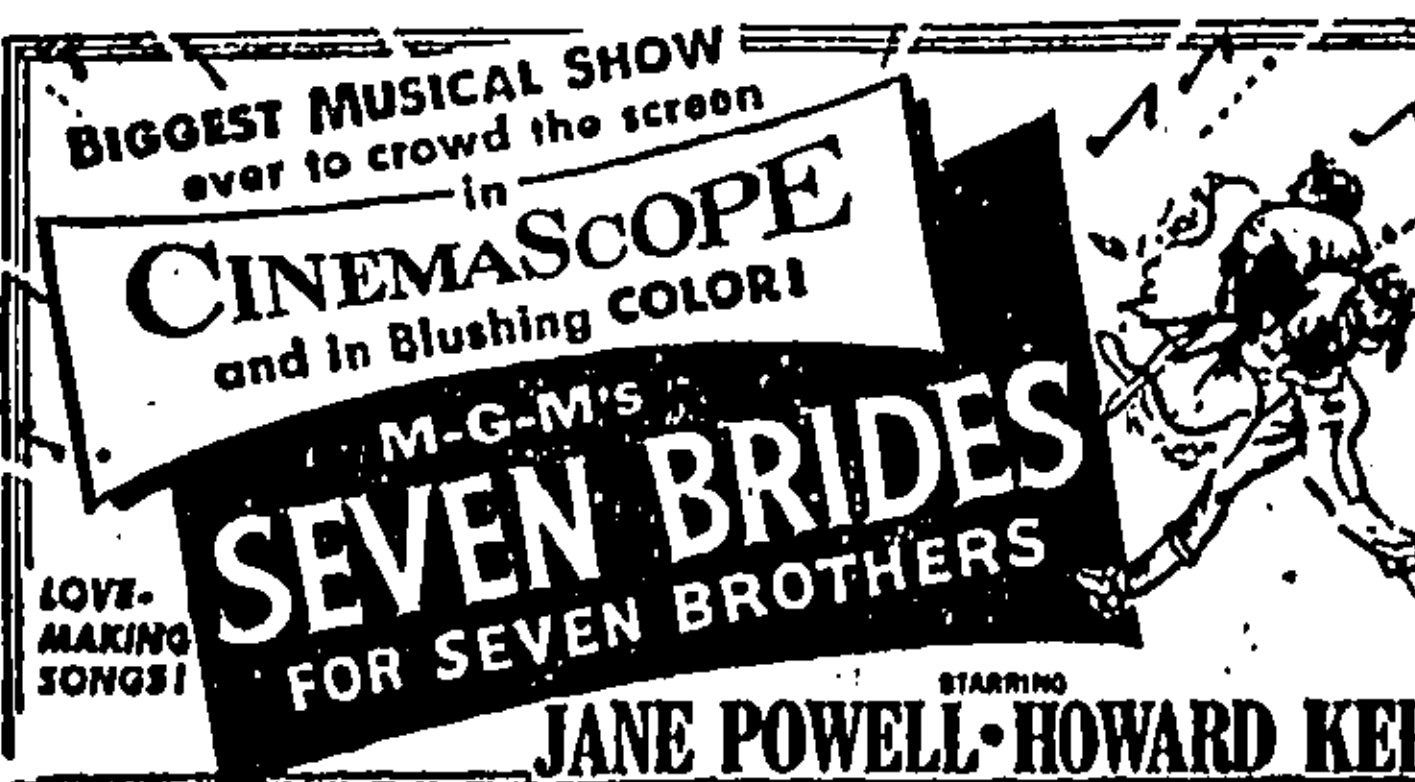
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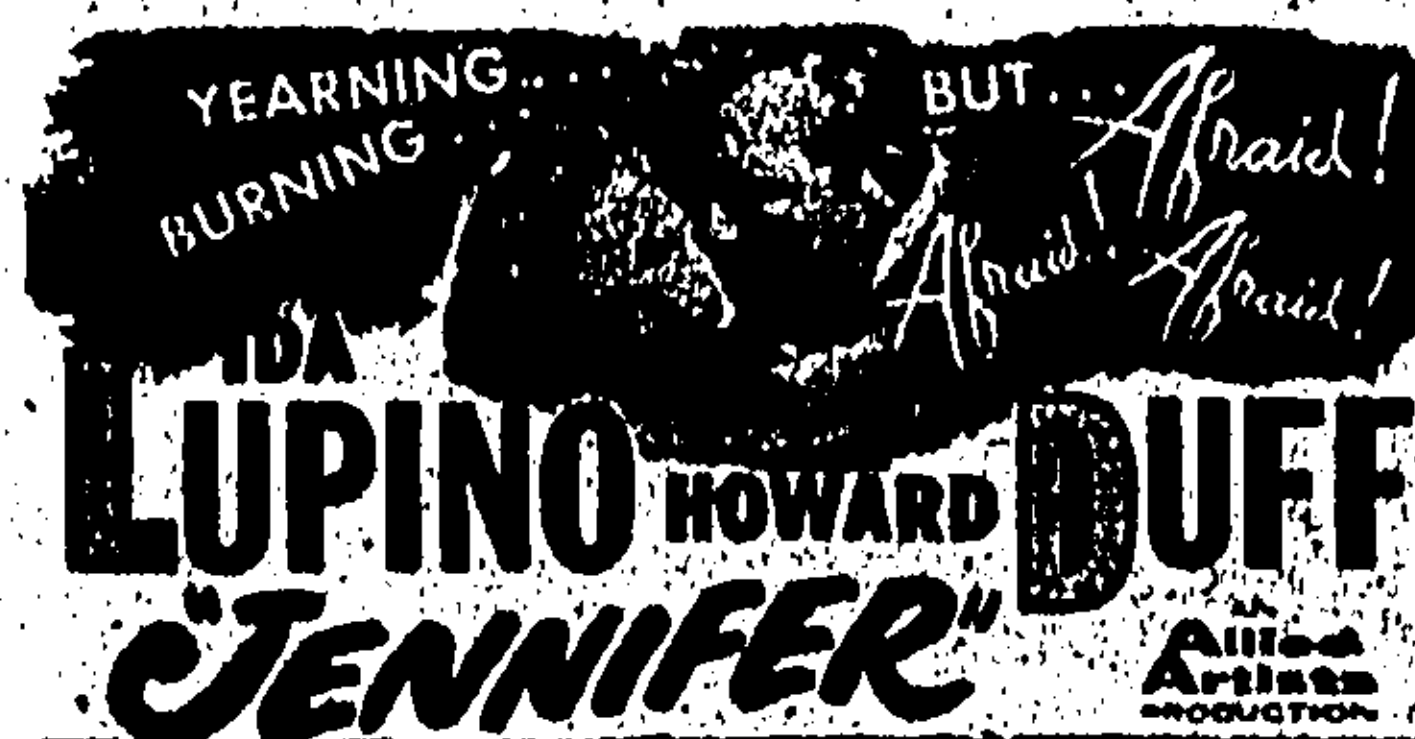
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Paris, Jan. 16.

The National Committee of the Popular Republican Party today reaffirmed the Party's opposition to the Pierre Mendes-France Government.

The Committee, which has been holding a two-day meeting here, said in a final communique: "The National Committee reaffirms the Party's opposition to a policy which inevitably leads the country to stagnation and regression."

It added: "The creation of autonomous armies and armament industries, which are removed from European integration, gravely menaces the future of existing European institutions."

Political observers considered that this reference to German rearmament was made with an eye to the coming Senate debate of the ratification of the Paris Agreements.

The Party includes many opponents of the French Premier, such as former Foreign Secretary Georges Bidault, who supported the defunct European Defence Community Treaty. They oppose the Premier because EDC was shelved while he was in power.

The Party was thrown into the limelight on Tuesday when one of its members, M. Pierre Schnitter, was elected President of the National Assembly in place of Socialist M. Andre Lefevre—Reuter.

'OPPONENTS IN COLD WAR WANT PEACE'

Vienna, Jan. 16.

Both sides in the cold war want peace, Dr Leopold Figl, the Austrian Foreign Minister, declared here tonight.

Nobody wants to unleash nuclear war, he said in a radio address on Austrian foreign policy.

BIG FOUR MEETING

Dr Figl said he was convinced this year would see another "Big Four" meeting "by summer at the latest." This meeting would give Austria her "great chance" of obtaining the state treaty she had striven for in the last ten years.

"What are the chances of Austria getting her treaty?" he asked. "The most vital thing to note when answering this question is that both sides in the cold war honestly want peace. Neither side wants to shoulder the responsibility of unleashing a war with today's nuclear weapons of annihilation. The Great Powers are all showing their strength but we know that humanly we want to avoid another trial of strength," he said. "People are convinced in every capital of the world that ways to a peaceful understanding must be sought."

"Each of the Great Powers is naturally keen not to come off second best in the course of this peaceful understanding. That is why I expect new talks to start at the latest by next summer."—Reuter.

Accuser Sent To Gaol

Coruche, Portugal, Jan. 16.

In a trial here, the accused was acquitted, the accuser was ordered to pay the legal costs and six witnesses for the prosecution were sent to gaol, according to the newspaper "O Seculo".

Emilia Maria de Carvalho had accused another woman, Maria Custodia, of insulting and striking her. Emilia lost the case and had to pay costs.

Two six witnesses, all women, were sentenced to three days' imprisonment because of the bad language they used while giving evidence, the newspaper said.—China Mail Special.

INFRA-RED LAMPS HELP ZOO ANIMALS

London, Jan. 16.

Infra-red lamps, installed over the cages inside the Zoo monkey house, have proved so beneficial that officials have decided to extend the use of the apparatus to specified cages in other houses.

The latest cage to have a lamp installed is that of Wally, the baby South American ocelot, at the Small Cats House.

Wally was born last September and is only the second of his kind to be bred in the gardens in 94 years.

DOING WELL

"Wally is doing very well, but there are possible dangers ahead which we are most anxious to ward off," says an official.

"One of these—and the most to be feared—is distemper. With the benefits of infra-red rays we hope to get Wally safely over the danger stage without trouble."—London Express Service.

Eats Eight Tons Of Worms

Melbourne, Jan. 16.

A platypus in a sanctuary at Healesville, 39 miles from Melbourne, has eaten eight tons of worms and 38,000 egg yolks during its 16 years of captivity.

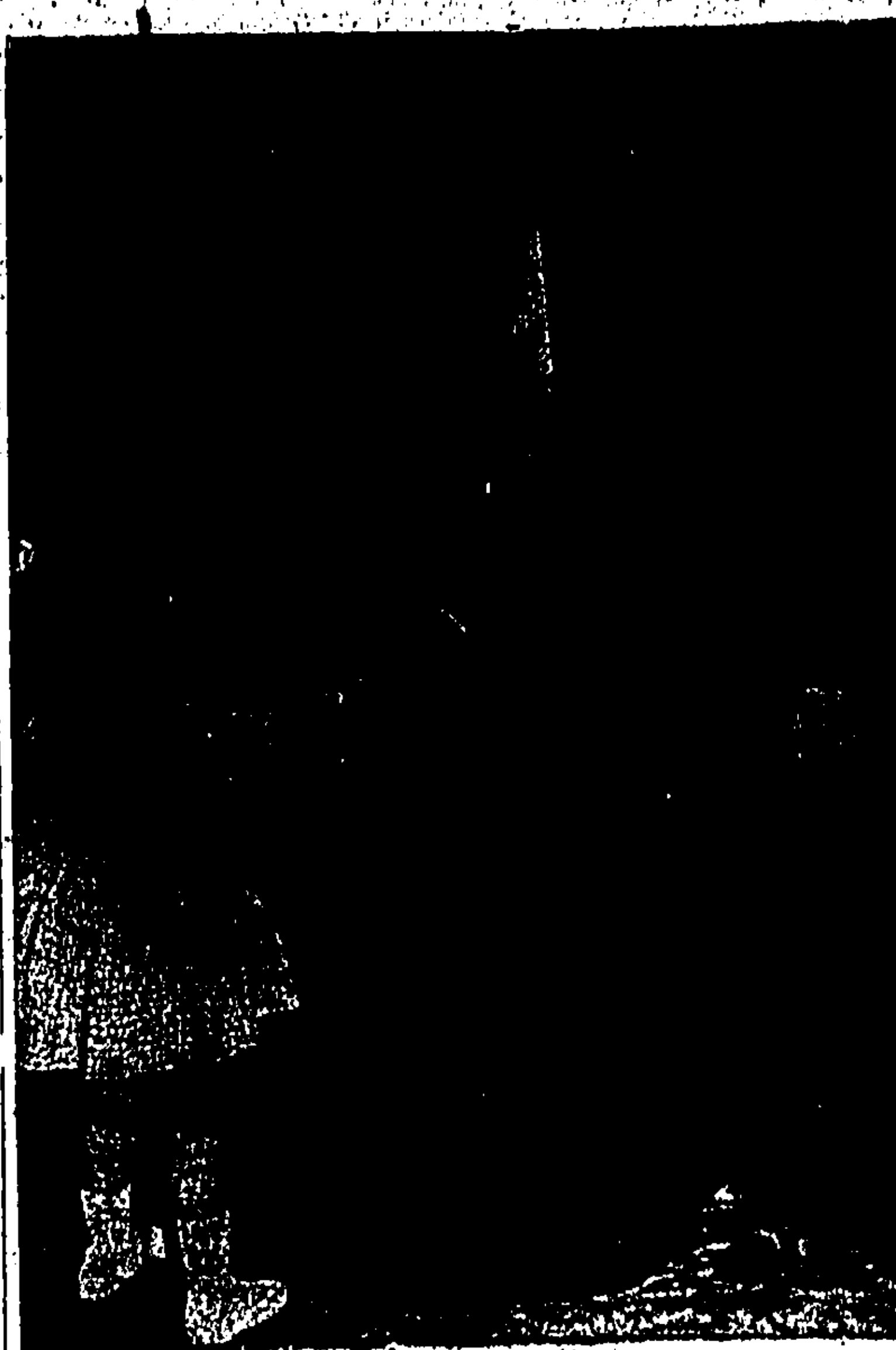
The platypus weighs only 3½ lbs, but his daily diet is three pounds of worms and eight to ten egg yolks.

It is a full time job for two men to dig enough worms to feed the two platypuses at the sanctuary.—China Mail Special.

ARTIST DIES

Watersbury, Conn., Jan. 16. Yves Tanguy, French-born surrealist painter, who once described his contemporaries, Picasso and Dalí as "monkeys," has died in hospital here, aged 50.

Tanguy, who claimed that "seeing is more important than painting," came to the United States in 1939. He was married to the American-born artist, Marie Laure Tanguy.—Reuter.



Dr Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, celebrates his 79th birthday in Bonn during which he was presented with a selection of German dairy and poultry products. Here Dr Adenauer receives the congratulations of his grand-daughter, Monica.—Express Photo.

Lingerie Dummies Will Stay

Rome, Jan. 16.

The owner of a lingerie shop in Turin has refused to obey a request from the police that he should remove scantily-clad female clothing dummies from his windows.

The authorities say the figures are bad for public morals while the shopkeeper says they will remain where they are, unless the police are furnished with a legal warrant.

Turin police are also fining couples found kissing in public places like cinemas and parks.—France-Press.

Possible Discussion On Red A-Offer

United Nations, N.Y., Jan. 16.

Moscow's promise to unwrap its atom-powered electric plant is expected to come up for discussion when a seven-nation committee, including both the United States and the Soviet Union, meets here tomorrow to lay the groundwork for international co-operation in peaceful utilisation of atomic energy.

The committee, set up as an advisory group of scientists by the last session of the United Nations General Assembly, will prepare for an international atomic conference to be held later this year.

WOULD BE LIMITED

The resolution creating the committee called for the establishment of an international atomic energy agency, which, initially, would be limited to certain countries which are presently negotiating on the subject.

The conference, to be held not later than next August, is to examine fields in which the agency could be most useful.

The meeting of the Consultative Committee follows closely on a Soviet announcement that the U.S.S.R. was prepared to furnish the projected international conference with data on a Soviet electric power plant run by atomic energy.

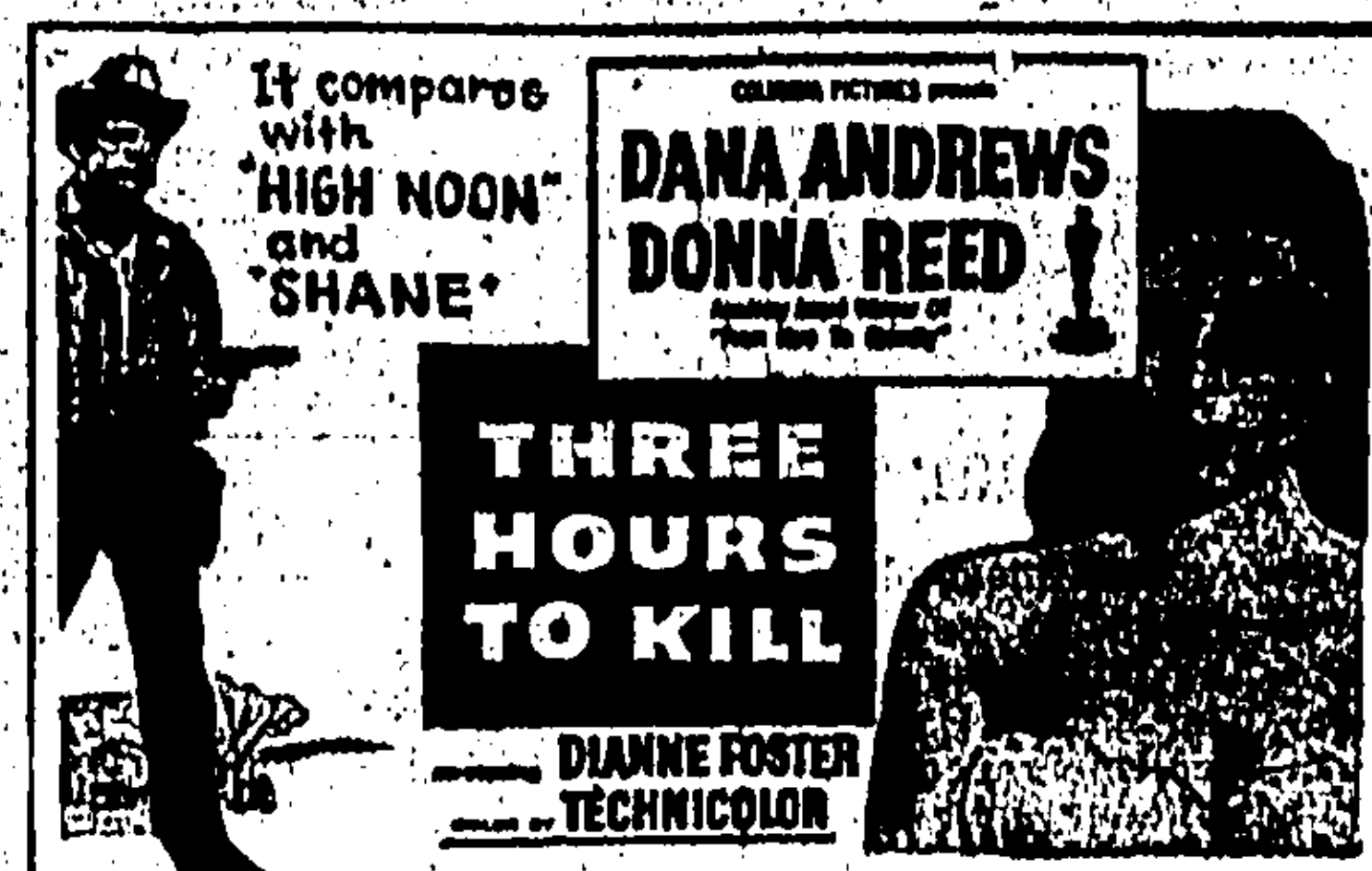
The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, will make an opening speech at the first session of the Consultative Committee tomorrow.

Further sessions will be held behind closed doors.

The Committee is composed of representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, India, Canada and Brazil.—France-Press.

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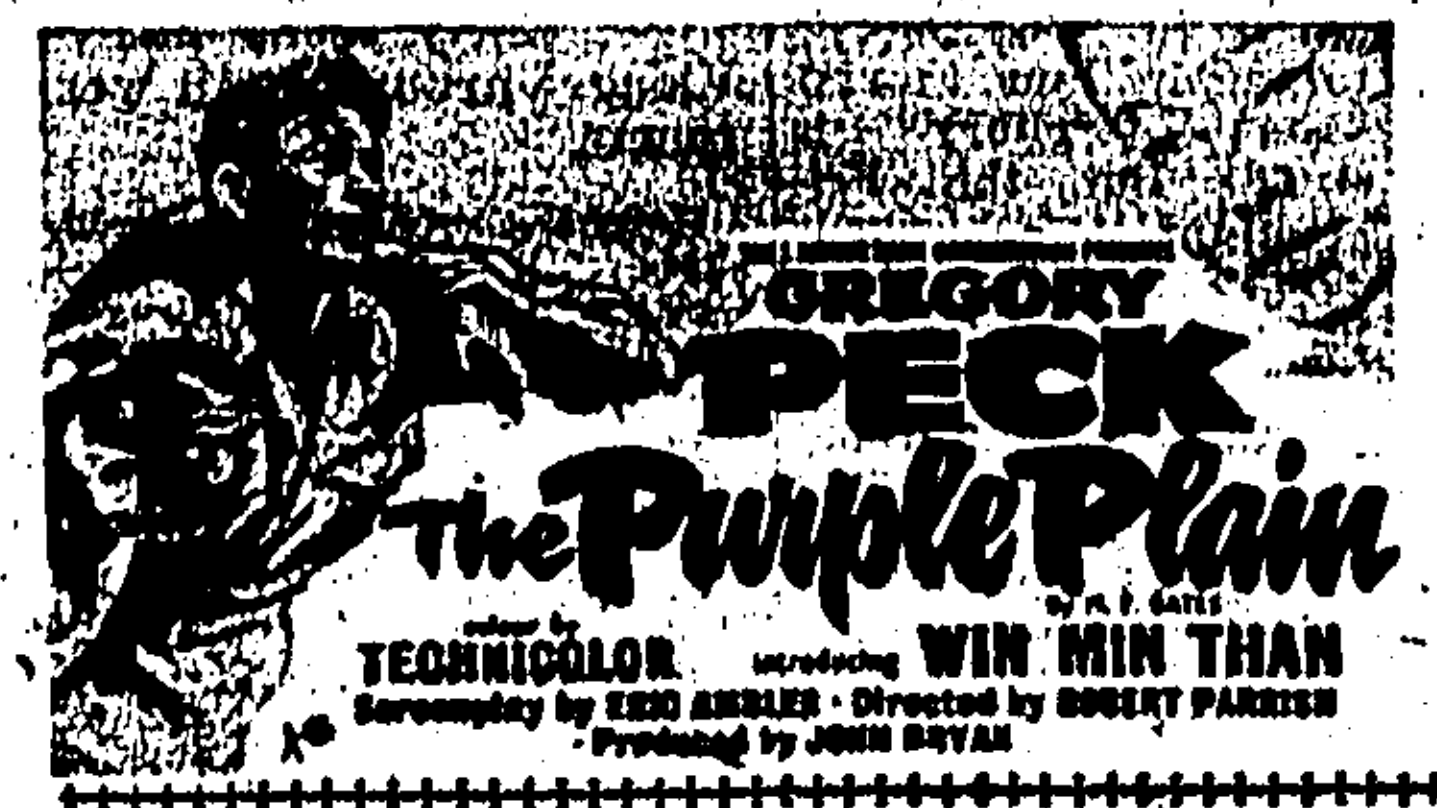
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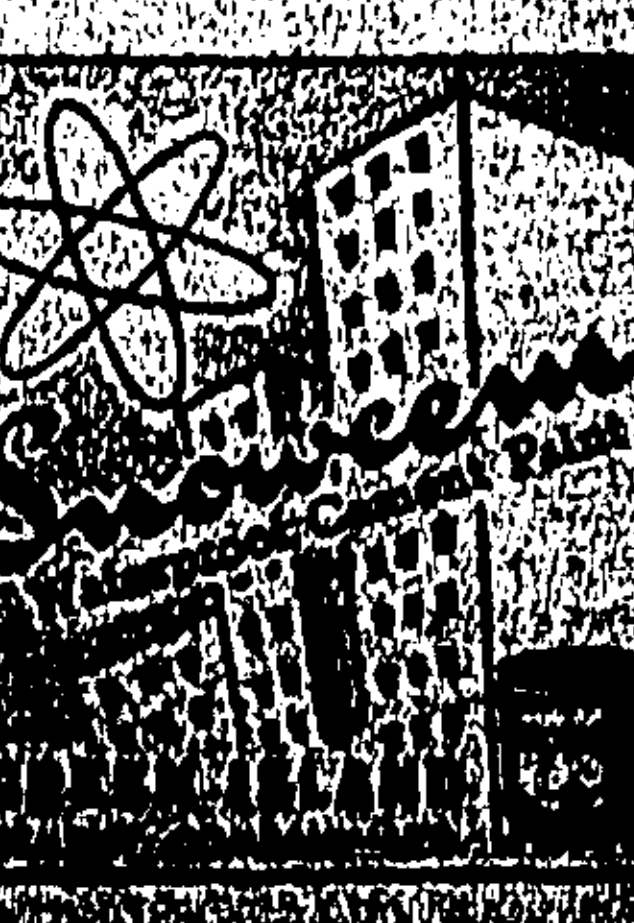


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TURKO-IRAQI AGREEMENT

Discussions Being Held With Other Arab Governments

Bagdad, Jan. 16.

Iraq hopes to extend her proposed pact with Turkey to include Arab countries, officials here said today.

The Turkish and Iraqi Governments were having talks with other Arab Governments with this in view, the officials said.

DEPOSED PRESIDENT GAOLED

Panama City, Jan. 16. Senor Jose Ramon Guizado, deposed yesterday as Panamanian President, was moved to prison last night to await public trial on charges of instigating the murder on January 2 of his predecessor, Colonel Jose Antonio Remon.

He was transferred to prison here in a police patrol car after being held prisoner in his home while the National Assembly considered charges against him. The Assembly subsequently ordered his suspension from the Presidency.

Tomorrow the Assembly will lift the state of siege imposed in Panama on January 2 after President Remon was slain by a hail of machine gun bullets at the Panama City race course.

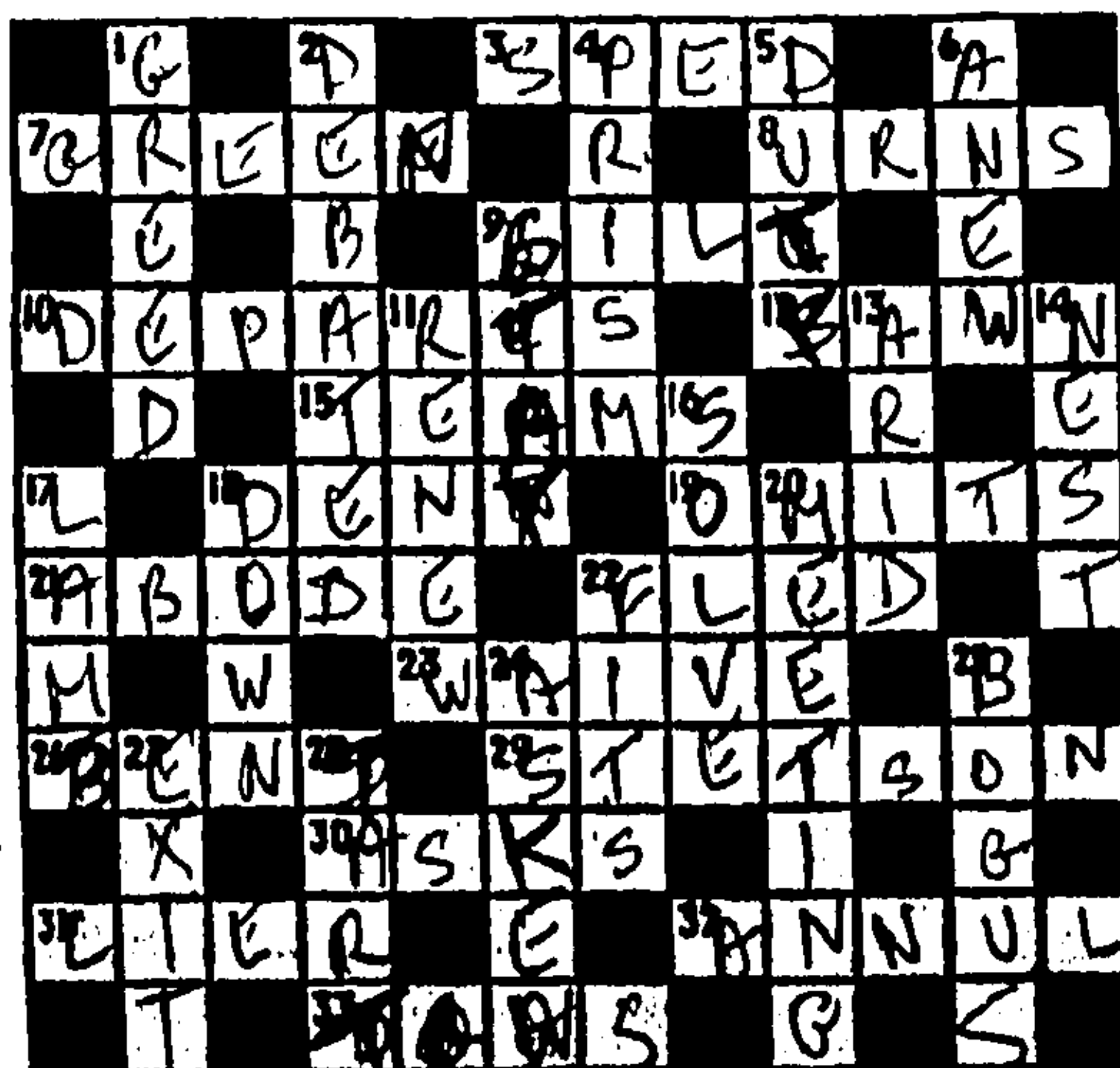
Also detained in jail are Senor Guizado's son, Jose, and two of his business associates, Rodolfo Saini, Malo and Jose Nieves Burgos.

OTHERS

Others in jail are: Dr. Ruben Miro, a lawyer, who yesterday told the Assembly he had killed Colonel Remon and that Senor Guizado knew of the plot, his brother, Rodolfo Saini, Malo and Jose Nieves Burgos, military secretary of Senor Guizado, and Luis Carlos Hernandez, alleged to have sold the machine gun to Dr. Miro.

All others arrested following the assassination have been released. They include former President Arnulfo Arias and an American citizen, Martin Irving Lipsman, who was to leave for Mexico today.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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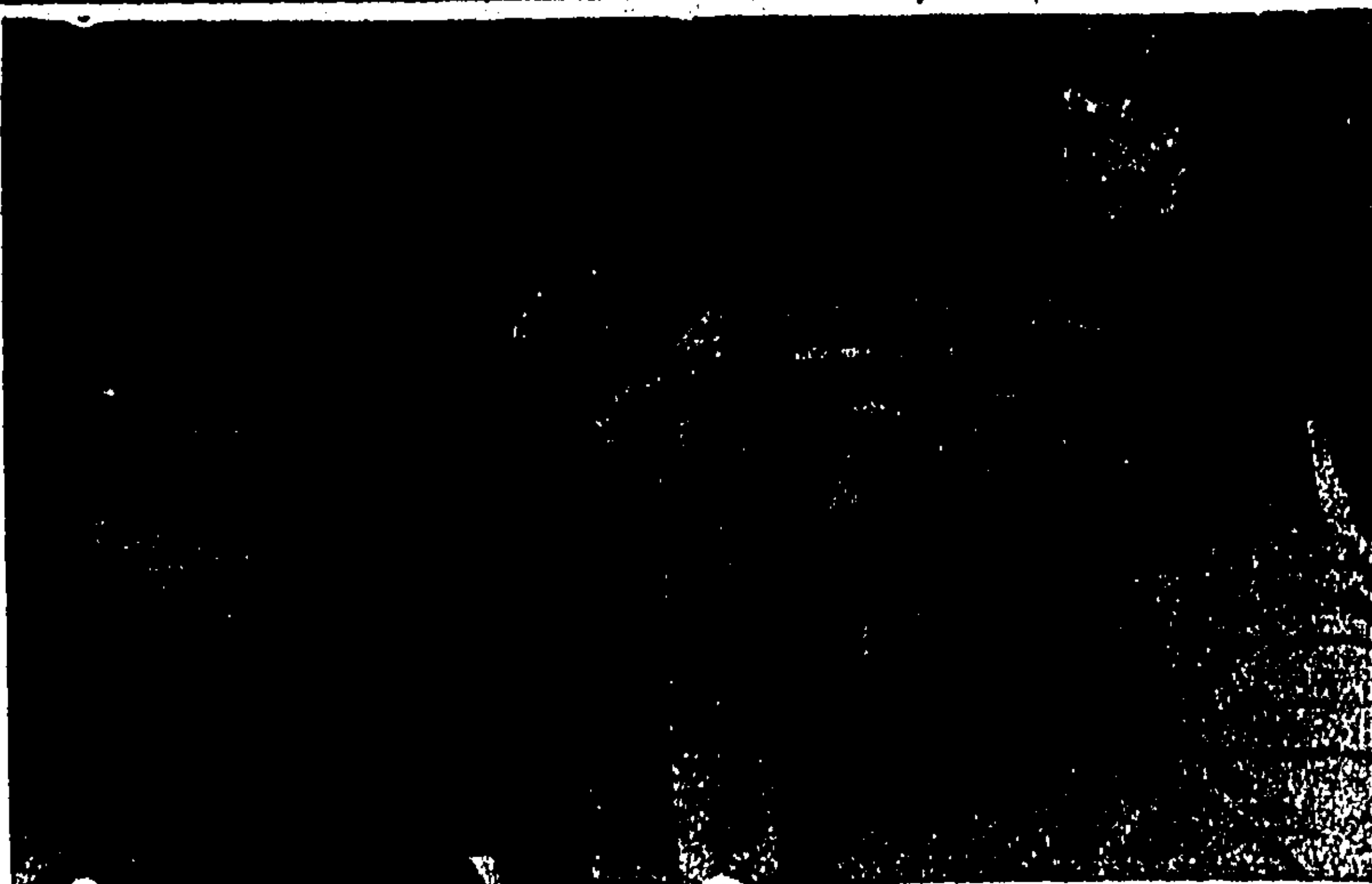
- 3 Hastened (4).
- 7 Colour (5).
- 8 Vases (4).
- 9 Settlement (4).
- 10 Leaves (7).
- 12 Gape (4).
- 13 Slides (5).
- 14 Declare untrue (4).
- 15 Leaves out (5).
- 16 Residence (5).
- 22 Run away (4).
- 23 Relinquish (5).
- 24 Inclination (4).
- 29 Larger hat (7).
- 30 Requests (4).
- 31 Fibber (4).
- 32 Canoe (5).
- 33 Pulls along (4).

DOWN

- 1 Avarice (5).
- 2 Discussed (7).
- 4 Geometrical figure (5).
- 5 Tax (4).
- 6 Fresh (4).
- 9 Remain (4).
- 11 Renovate (5).
- 13 Paraded (4).
- 14 Bird's home (4).
- 15 Find the answer to (5).
- 17 Young animal (4).
- 18 Fluff (4).
- 20 Assembly (7).
- 22 Sporus (4).
- 24 Crook (4).
- 25 False (5).
- 27 Way out (4).
- 28 Sharp (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Grate, 7 Pear, 9 Trail, 10 Adult, 11 Lush, 12 Restricted, 13 Near, 14 Gals, 15 Interfered, 22 Tank, 24 Refer, 25 Rapid, 26 Menu, 27 Toddler, 28 Down, 29 Roams, 30 Tutor, 31 Fence, 32 Opulence, 33 Rate, 34 Pledge, 35 Hired, 36 Rival, 37 Thrashed, 38 Lined, 39 Began, 40 Street, 41 Ropes, 42 Wagon.

The Aga Khan
In Cairo



The Aga Khan followed by the Begum descends the aircraft's stairs on arrival in Cairo to be received by Major Amin Shaker. They intend to spend part of the winter season in Cairo and Aswan.—Express Photo.

Formosa 'Liberation'—But Commanders Are Not Talking

By Russell Spur

Peking, Jan. 17.

The Chinese are determined to "liberate" Formosa.

They never cease saying so. Their belligerent posters are plastered across every hoarding, every Government office and every ancient monument from one end of the country to the other.

Even on the Great Wall of China red letters declare "our Formosan fellow countrymen must be freed from the hands of the aggressors."

There is no doubt that the Communists mean it. Only one vital issue is in doubt. Just when and how they intend to carry out their plan.

TWO PLANS
Red Army commanders are naturally not talking. But it is not just security that seals their lips.

The Communists apparently have the choice of two plans—a stepping stone assault by way of the Nationalist-held off shore islands; or a mass air and seaborne attack backed by Russian supplied submarines and aircraft straight at the Formosan bastion.

The third, which nobody likes to talk about in Peking, is a subtle waiting game, a playing for time in the hope that within a year or two an international

European Arms Pool Talks Opening Today

Paris, Jan. 17.

Britain, France, West Germany and four other nations open talks today on the co-ordination of their arms production as members of the proposed Western European Union.

One feature of the conference, which may last several weeks, is that West Germany will participate as an equal partner with other member nations.

The diplomats attending the talks will consider various proposals on the pooling of arms they need for common defence and their make recommendations to their respective Governments.

FRENCH PLAN
The meeting arises from the Paris Treaties to rearm a sovereign West Germany.

France has put forward a comprehensive plan for a European Pool of Arms Industries. M. Pierre Mendes-France, French Premier, received Italian support for the plan at talks in Rome last Wednesday and qualified support from West Germany two days later.

The French plan, presented as a basis for discussion, would restrict arms production to targets laid down by the seven-nation armaments production agency. It is partly designed to meet an anticipated competitive rush in the rearming of 12 West European nations.

NATO REPRESENTATIVES
Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will be represented at the talks by their representatives to NATO.

Failure to adopt the French plan in its entirety is not expected. The final French realignment of the Paris Treaties.

ARMED FORCES
Two Yugoslav ministers employed by the Bureau of Development Cooperation have reported a rich mine of copper near Vukovar in northwest Serbia.

Little Frog: Big Surprise

Cape Town, Jan. 16. Robert Aveling, 16, of Cape Town, took a big bite from a nectarine one night. The pip split and a small green frog jumped out.

Describing the experience, Robert said: "I was sitting up in bed eating some super nectarines my mother had bought from a hawk. There was an exciting play on the radio and I took a specially big bite. The pip split and I looked straight into the beady little eyes of a tiny frog. It jumped against my nose, fell on to the bed and started hopping all over the place."

Dr. Walter Rose, an authority on frogs, identified the species as a young *Microbatrachella capensis*, a rarity.—China Mail Special.

BANKNOTE PAPER CHASE

Poitiers, S.W.

France, Jan. 16. With flashlights flicking in the dark, French gendarmeries last night

started a paper chase for one, five and ten thousand franc banknotes along the road from Lusignan toward La Rochelle, Southwest France.

They started the chase after M. Cadet of La Rochelle discovered that he had given from Lusignan to La Rochelle a trail of banknotes which had flown out of his open wallet. The wallet was wedged on the top of his car.

M. Cadet told the gendarmerie that he had put the wallet in the top of the car when paying for petrol at Lusignan but after a chat with the garage man he had forgotten to put it back in his pocket.

When he arrived at La Rochelle, the wallet was still on the top of the car but empty. It is 65 miles from Lusignan to La Rochelle.—France-Press.

Street Singers On Strike

Paris, Jan. 16.

"We are the soul of Naples. Do they want to kill the soul of Naples by starving us?"

Thus spoke the Naples street singers who went on strike recently. For ages, they have toured cafes, restaurants at cocktail time and during meals, singing love songs with accompaniment of guitars or mandolins.

Even in winter cafe terraces were crowded with people "entertained" and drinking appetizers. Naples' street singers held a huge meeting recently, under the chairmanship of Pasquale Giordano, and decided to form a guild. They demanded a minimum salary obtained by cafe and restaurant owners putting an extra charge on their bills for their talent.

NOT NEGOTIABLE
"We are not negotiable," the street singers said, adding that it would be years

for cafes and restaurant owners to do this. The latter are, however, reluctant.

"Street singers—they say—earn more than regular orchestra players. We tolerate them but some customers find it unpleasant to see places pushed under their noses and singers seeking for money."

"Of course, some people dislike the street singers say, but the French, the Germans, they love us. Music makes them romantic and they cannot appreciate Naples without our songs."

No one knows how the strike will turn out. "Will they kill the soul of Naples?" street singers are wondering.—France-Press.

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COMMERCING TO-MORROW: "FORTUNE HUNTER"

ICICLES IN THE ORANGE GROVES

By David Laidlaw

Occasionally one is surprised at the direction their fancy takes. Witness a Moscow Radio announcement in December, 1954 that Soviet scientists had created a two-headed dog, which, as the announcement rather laconically put it, "was certainly an unusual sight, leaping milk from two saucers".

Recently, however, the Communists have been disappointed in some of their attempts to transform Nature. For example, the East has been unable to move orange trees to the Union but also in the countries of Eastern Europe where for the last few years there has been an effort to produce all kinds of crops quite unsuited to the local climate.

A Mirage

The East European is acting on orders from Moscow and tried to grow such things as cotton, oranges and tea, natural rubber and so on. Not surprisingly, most of the tropical produce have shown complete lack of respect for Communist theory and have either refused to grow at all or have succumbed to the cold breath of the northern winter. The picture of lush orange groves and fluffy cotton plants blowing in the breeze has proved to be a mirage.

During the last year or so the sad truth of this has begun to be openly admitted by some of the governments concerned. For instance, on October 24, 1954, Pal Szabo, Director of Hungary's Trans-Danubian Scientific Institute, made the following frank confession: "On several occasions," said Szabo, "we have wrongly interpreted the possibility of transforming Nature. Thus we were day-dreaming when we concentrated upon cotton-growing, while in the meantime our wheat production has become so poor that it is almost impossible to grow grain. We wanted to grow lemons, and in the meantime a section of our vineyards and orchards have perished."

Visionary Lemons

This was not the first piece of agricultural "self-criticism" by Hungary's leaders. On January 22, 1954, Bela Szabolcs, head of the Hungarian Planning Bureau, admitted that more attention should be paid to the country's traditional crops (even the famous Tokay wine region has been neglected in favour of those visionary lemons) and he promised that in future efforts would get a good deal less "imagination".

Curiously, Hungary's agricultural situation is at present very happy. The former "granary of Europe" has now been reduced to importing wheat, as well as eggs and fats, two other exports in pre-Communist days. And while not all of this can be blamed on the "day dreams", (forebore collectivisation is chiefly responsible for the chaos) yet orange-blossom and tea-leaves have undoubtedly played their part.

It seems strange that the Communists, who profess to govern in the interests of the "little masses", should waste valuable time and space on such luxuries when so many square meals are what people need. The whole thing is slightly reminiscent of Marie Antoinette's famous remark about the starving crowd who demanded bread: "Let them eat cake."



"Don't you 'hurry-for-ard-landlubber' me, you sea serpent."

PLANE RIDE TO HAPPY WELKOM

WELKOM, Orange Free State

JUST an hour's trip by plane from Johannesburg brings you to this spot where South African energy and enterprise have wrought a change so fantastic as to resemble a mirage.

Just seven years ago there was nothing around here except a large expanse of khaki-coloured veld and some little groups of farmers.

Today — expand your eyes — well as you watch, a town with energy and confidence and well-being is rising out of the veld. A town which has been built on a piece of land which was once a barren, hilly, and treeless plain.

Yes, 13 mines in seven years and you see their superlatives (they call them "gears") round here. Embellish the landscape in the distance.

These mines will produce gold. It is conservatively estimated that in the next decade or so.

It's exciting

AND, since in a sort of fabulous two-for-the-price-of-one deal South Africa can produce uranium as by-product of gold, seven of the 13 mines have agreed to do just that — and two are already in production here.

But I propose not to immerse you in mineralogy or tell you with pretentious figures. The thing I found exciting was this town.

You glance out of the window — and there is Welkom today. Forty square miles of it. Half a million trees planted and coming up fast. Shopping centres that remind me of suburban America's best.

Great flower beds here there, and everywhere.

A carefully planned city centre — everything in fact planned to make it as nice as possible. Johannesburg may be rich but believe me it's pretty ugly too. Welkom may be rich — and beautiful because that's the way they want it.

Population: 10,000 white and 40,000 coloureds (I'll tell you more about the coloureds in a moment) and getting bigger.

A guarantee

THE 2,600 houses are very pleasant. They are bungalow down, in bright colours, three-bedroom jobs, with garage (one in three owns a car), built-in cupboards, modern sanitation. They cost the miners just £4, 10s. a month — with free maintenance thrown in.

If you want something a bit grander it costs £5, and your water and lighting are 10s. a month.

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Searchlight On South Africa..By RENE MacCOLL

the kind of servant's — will set you back £5 a month.

With few exceptions, these gay little houses don't look as if they had got there only recently. They look the work of a professional planning company. Each new house is a little hedge, and a tree.

The gardens bloom and perfume, and the houses are as neat as the coloured pins on the neat young housing manager.

By the way, the "underground employee" averages £120 monthly. Above-ground men make about £80. Taxes are something like 3s. in the £1 and waste 10s. a ton. MacCOLL, what has this got to do with it? Is 20s. a bottle.

But now let me tell you about the Negroes. As I went carefully through the quarters for the Negro workers, saw the splendid facilities provided for them, and wound up visiting the £500,000 hospital for Negroes, which is far and away the most modern and best-equipped I have seen anywhere in the world, I realised gratefully that here was a partial answer to the horrible conditions existing in Johannesburg's Shantytown.

Here at Welkom the Negro is getting what he needs. In like a fair deal. His kitchen and food are scrupulously clean, the meals prepared by the most up-to-date machines and labour-saving devices.

His dormitories too are clean and bright and uncluttered — in fact, they compare not badly with those of some of the British public schools (whose visiting

headmasters are to come here for a tour of inspection).

There is, alas, a snag. Of 150 public houses, only about 50 are occupied.

Why is this? Because the Nationalist Government doesn't like "the formation of black spots" and so it stepped in with various regulations which make it difficult to let the Negroes have their cottages.

Good Life

THE Nationalists do not mind about the big numbers of Negroes in the hotels and dormitories of the single men's quarters because they figure that sooner or later the men return to their tribes and so don't make a permanent "black spot".

But in spite of this sour note the general impression on this sunny day was one of optimism and achievement — achievement past and still to come in heaping measure.

Gold and uranium and sunshine. A pretty good combination, and a brand new place to live, planned for hard work and the good life. Full marks.

FRANCIS MARTIN walks into the National Gallery... and finds a thousand paintings the public do not see.

HE KEEPS A FORTUNE UNDER THE COUNTER

TURNING my back on the thronged public rooms of the National Gallery, I went down a flight of steps from the cloak-room precincts, passed through a lofty doorway with a no-admission - except - on - official-business look about it — and found myself staring at a thousand under-the-counter pictures worth millions of public money.

Let me explain how the underside of the counter comes about.

The National Gallery owns 2,000 paintings and has public display space for only 800 of them. Most of the others are hung on serried wire-mesh screens in three great rooms (known as the store, or reference department) that are ordinarily closed to the public. But if there is a specific painting you want to see, the attendant will escort you to it on request.

The painting I had come to see was the famous Virgin, Child and an Angel about which the experts are having so cozy a bicker. There it hung in one of the Italian halls, a smooth, smallish job in an elaborate frame. The three figures looked as fresh and solid as wax fruit.

Some say the picture was painted by Francesco Francia four and a half centuries ago. Others say it is a fake not a day more than 150 years old. In any case, it is not, on National Gallery standards, a masterpiece. I yawned and passed on to more stimulating things.

A Garden of Eden by the elder Jan Breughel looked like a design for a very bright, very 1685 ballet. Nearby three Greuze girls gave me sweet smiles. Two hulking Turners filled opposite bays, both paintings nine feet long and as high as a man. One was Ulysses Deriding Polyphemus, the other Dido Building Carthage.

Light blocked

I loitered before a Reynolds, a Titian and a string of Dutch flower pieces so startlingly real that you nearly sniff their perfume. There is nearly as good stuff under the "Nat. Gal." counter as on it.

The wheeled screens that carry the paintings are so crowded that they block out each other's light. The visitor has to peer, Master craftsman Louis Howard, of the Gallery's restora-

tion staff, carries an electric torch as well as a magnifying glass when he makes routine inspections in the store. There is no air conditioning, no humidity control. On the other hand there are lots of draughts and freely switches of temperature.

Three cold days sandwiched between two warm spells last autumn warped a 16th-century Infancy of Jupiter by Raphael so severely that a quarter of an inch split appeared in the plaster. The crack, almost invisible, would not be the painting up to the gallery's "hospital" where the split is being mended and glued.

Sometimes the National Gallery's spot paint is too thick. If it is, painting is impossible, and both ends to let the paint dry and in some cases the paint is scraped off and smoothed and used back into position on a special set of electric fans and a mixture of browns and reds.

He starts again

Howard devotes every Wednesday to scrutinizing the pictures. On this day it takes him 10 weeks to look through the 1,000 pictures in the public rooms included. When the scrutiny is completed he starts all over again, on the principle of Fo. th Bridge painting. At present he has 150 "sick" paintings in his card index, mostly from store, due for treatment sooner or later. Urgent cases are denoted by a red danger signal clipped to the index card.

The giants

There is a constant movement of Gallery pictures, not only between the store, the public rooms and the restoration department, but also to other galleries all over the country and to the Government offices (No. 10, Downing Street included) where they are part of the furnishings.

Removals at the rate of 3,000 a year are carried out by an overworked staff of five to seven men of skill as well as muscle. If you let a Constable landscape drop, the damage may be incalculable.

At one end of the store stands a vast, wedge-shaped packing case, painted battle-pink grey. It was in this case, labeled No. 1, that the three biggest paintings of the collection were shipped away to a safe place in the country at the outbreak of the war. The three giants are: del Piombo's Raising of Lazarus, Van Dyck's Charles I on Horseback and Vermeer's Adoration of the Magi. Each of these measures 15ft. by 12ft.

Why keep it?

The packing case, as big as a public monument, takes up an inordinate amount of room. Why is it not taken away? "Because," I was told, "it has to stay on hand in case another emergency occurs."

The heaviest picture in the collection is not one of the biggest, however. Weight prizes goes to Botticelli's Assumption of the Virgin, now in restoration. With its massive, reinforced frame and protective plate glass, this turns the scale at 18cwt. A member of the working party assured me that shifting the three giants and the Botticelli on one day is no picnic. "I can well believe it."

FAME AHEAD

THE banking robot is the result of nearly two years of deep thinking during which Roberts has been backed by the Nutfield Trust and a go-ahead electronics firm at Thames Ditton.

It is only one of almost a score of novel ideas simmering in his mind.

Like most practical scientists, "robot" Roberts is not likely to make a personal fortune, though he will almost certainly be the means of making a great deal of money for others.

His main reward will be in the fame he achieves among his fellow-scientists as "a highly original and constructive thinker."

Save money by robot

THIS is the cheque of the future, of the day — not far away — when the dreary routine work of bank clerks will be taken over by a near-infallible robot brain.

The novelty lies in the little rectangle in the right-hand bottom corner. The robot will read those few dots almost as a blind man reads Braille — only 10,000 times faster.

With a single, all-seeing electronic eye it will detect which branch of which bank the cheque is from, how much it is for, and who signed it.

Then at the end of the day mechanical "fingers" will automatically type out a statement for every bank, recording all the transactions of their customers.

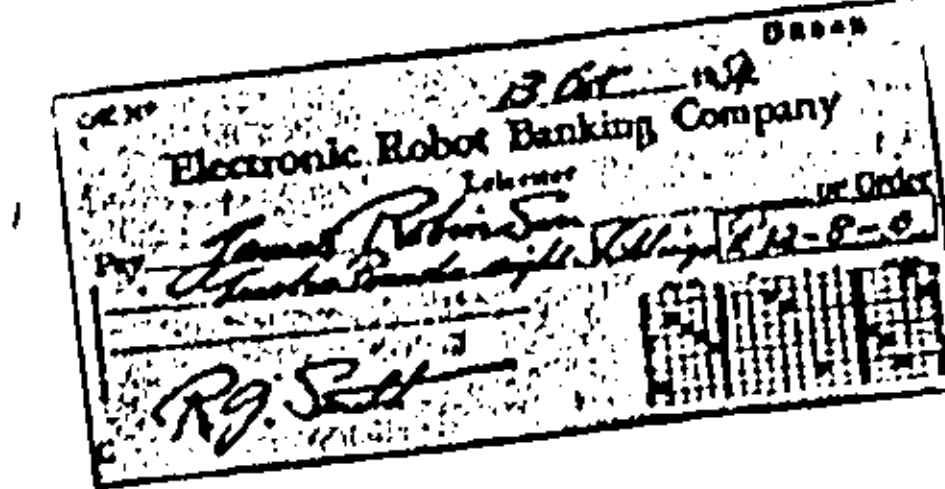
A SPEED-UP SUCH a robot could greatly reduce the steadily rising costs of banking by eliminating expensive labour and reducing office space.

It could save about nine-pence of the shilling bank charge on every cheque. It might save the banks at least £9,000,000 a year, and quicken the commercial flow of money.

The idea of this robot, which is so practicable that it is now being considered by leading bankers, springs from the brain of Dr. Frank Roberts, a 39-year-old British scientist.

This quiet, Edinburgh-born electronics expert not only has a flair for exciting ideas but the technical ability to put them on the drawing-board and the practical skill with screw-driver and soldering iron to make them work.

It was Roberts who, three years ago, invented the TV microscope which is now being produced by firms throughout the world.



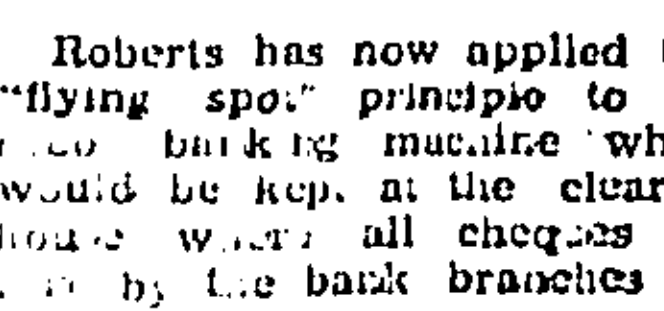
FRANK ROBERTS and robot friend

I have been inspecting your future cheque-book... by CHAPMAN PINCHER

This ingenious device enables the field of view through an ordinary microscope to be seen much more highly magnified on a big TV screen. And it automatically counts minute objects like blood corpuscles and brain cells — an enormous help to medical research.

The TV microscope works on a simple idea which surfaced from Roberts' restless mind while he was sitting on the top deck of a London bus.

It contains a gadget called an "electron gun" which shoots out a flying pin-point spot of light like the one which traces out the picture on the screen of a TV set.



Roberts has now applied this "flying spot" principle to the banking machine which would be kept at the clearing house where all cheques are cleared by the bank branches for clearing.

This is how it will work: — When a cheque is fed into the machine the flying spot of light will move across the 10 lines of the small rectangle as a clerk might run his eye along them — only much faster.

As the flying spot encounters each dot it will record it in the robot's capacious memory.

The dots are so positioned that they are a code revealing all cheques. (At first these dots would be put in by a clerk at the branch where the cheque is paid in, but Roberts has an idea for another machine which could do this.)

After storing all the information in its unforgetting memory the robot would sort the cheques into bundles together with a printed statement addressed to each bank.

THE 'MIND'

IN devising the memory for the robot, Roberts has worked closely with Professor J. Z. Young of London University, the brain expert who is probably the greatest authority on the human memory.

The robot's "mind" consists of a magnetic drum in which

certain things are remembered for a short while and a reel of special microfilm which "remembers" the rest for ever. By "re-reading" the robot can answer questions and recall answers from memory within a few seconds. Roberts claims that in this way possible mistakes could be checked and out-of-date facts could be obliterated.

ON FILM

WITH the robot memory Roberts believes that he could record all the literature stored in the British Museum on 1,000 feet of film. And any part of it would be quickly accessible.

Because of the phenomenal compactness of the memory Roberts has put forward a scheme to enable all the National Insurance and Pensions records to be "filed by robot."

At the moment about 2,400 people now coping with the ever-growing insurance records at Newcastle-on-Tyne could be cut to about 70, he claims.

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- Indian Chamber of Commerce Party
- Army Referee Association Dinner
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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



CLUB 1, ARMY 9 CLUB RAN INTO AN ARMY SIDE THAT WAS RIGHT IN THE MOOD

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Saturday at Sookpoo was an unfortunate experience for Club. They were forced to take the field without such stalwarts as Gardner, Paton and Falconer and then ran into an Army side that was right in the mood.

The newcomers to the Club side—Davies, Hahbs and Newman—never came up to expectations and the speed of the Army wings tore great holes in the Blue and White defence. Although MacDonald in his enthusiasm contributed something to this state of affairs by wandering too far up field. This threw a lot of work on Bishop and long before the end he was flying the distress signal.

In spite of the good again, the Club players never gave up. They were a team in spirit and determination and there were ready handshakes all round at the end.

Morris and newcomer Murray took the honours with three goals each and Davies, Hahbs, Newman and MacDonald made an all-around Army team.

For Club, Lawson had little chance with the shot but he was a good shot. Wright, MacDonald, Davidson and Pickett played hard throughout. No doubt the Army Club officials noted the change that came over McGregor when switched to centre-half in the second half. He was a team of strength.

W. H. V. MacDonald, who was a good shot, was a team of strength.

5. CHINA 1, KMB 2

When the opening whistle blew, the two sides played a cautious game. The result of the match was a 2-1 victory for KMB.

Alternatively, if the goal was the cause of this, from the corner the two teams concerned played for something different the better.

From the start the game was a close one. The Chinese team was a good one. The KMB team was a good one.

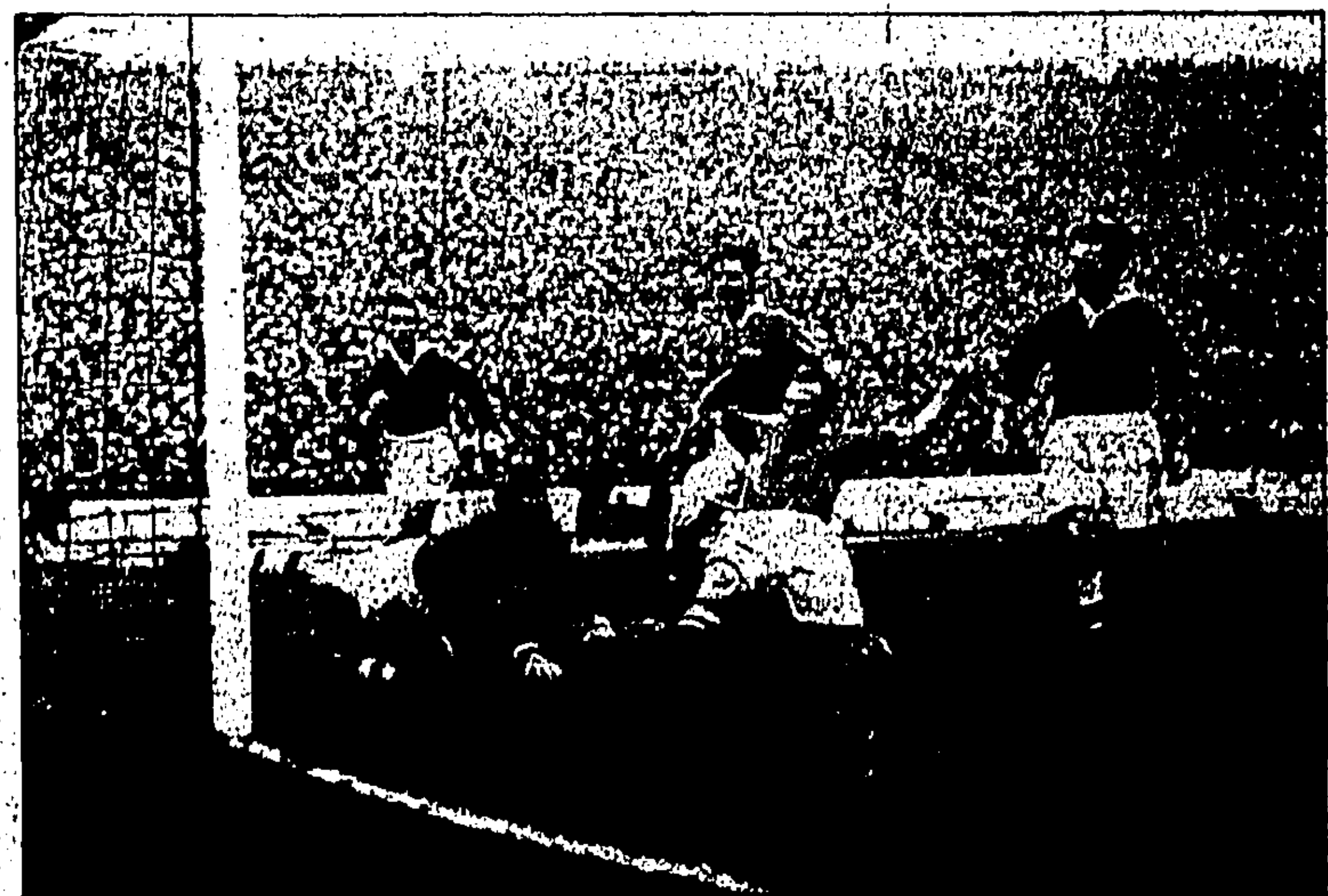
Neither team—players or officials—take any credit from the game. If this is how points are going to be won then the HKFA should give serious thought to the whole affair.

For the sake of the record book it is reported that Lee Tai-fai scored the first KMB goal from a penalty kick and Szeo Man got the next one. Yiu Cheuk-yin scored one for South China, but when the 2-1 result is long forgotten the depravity of its fashioning will be vividly remembered and the memory will be without credit for the participants.

SAINTS 2, RAF 4

Well done, Royal Air Force! This victory at Cane-way Bay on Saturday was the biggest upset of the season and the result is all the more creditable when all the circumstances are remembered.

HE STOOPS TO CONQUER



Walsall goalie Baldwin dives to the feet of Chelsea's right-winger Parsons to clear an attack by the Pensioners, and Walsall left-back Vinnall and right-half Crook rush to the "keeper's" aid. It was a tense moment for the visitors during the third round FA Cup tie at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea won 2-0.—Reutersphoto.

NO TOFFEE FROM TAFFY



Arsenal were offered stiff opposition by Cardiff in the Third Round FA Cup tie at Highbury. At half-time the Welshmen had held the home team, with no goals being scored. Final score in Arsenal's favour was 1-0. Photo shows an attack by Arsenal centre-forward Lawton being cleared by Cardiff goalie Howells, supported by defending right-back Rutter and centre-half Montgomery.—Reutersphoto.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Easy Victories For Pandas And Saints

Pandas and Saints both scored easy victories over their opponents, Warriors and Chinese Athletic, by the same 9-run margins in the Senior "A" League softball games played at King's Park yesterday. The former won 13-4 and the latter 14-5.

Pandas vs. Warriors was played in the morning with the Tribesmen taking the field first. Chucker "Googie" Marques looked grim and was definitely in wild form. The game was lost within 20 minutes. Marques went only one and one-third innings when he was relieved by Reginaldo Santos. During this short period Marques issued four walks, five hits, and eight runs.

Another two runs came in before the second inning was over, and Warriors collected only four runs from the Pandas, out of five hits in which two were triples by Alfredo Oliveira and Reginaldo Santos and one single by Jimmy Chang.

Pandas tallied twice in the fifth and once in the sixth while their ace, Reginaldo Santos, backed by the Tribesmen, kept the Pandas from scoring further during the rest of the game and the final standing was 13-4, another win for the League-leading Pandas.

The Saints trounced the Chinese Athletics with great ease as they proved on the soft pitches of both CAA burlers, a total of nine hits and obtained seven free tickets in addition.

STARTED WELL. The Athletics started well in the first. Rabbit Leung drew a walk, but was erased at second. C. M. Tsang was safe at first on a hobble and K. K. Sit was passed.

Y. K. Chan came up and swung with all his might on a fat pitch. The ball sailed far towards the middle of the field for a single and missed by an inch the glove of the centre-fielder. Both Tsang and Sit crossed the plate and Chan perched comfortably on third.

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ANOTHER COLONY RECORD FOR KEITH BURCH

By "RECORDER"

Another Colony record—that for the 1,500 Metres run—fell to Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment at the HKAAA Open Meeting at the South China AA Stadium, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

Lt. Burch posted new figures of 4 minutes 18.7 seconds in a run all on his own after the half-way mark on a bone-hard track and against a biting cold wind most of the way. The old mark of 4:17.0 had been set by Derek Coburn on Kai Tak's fast grass track on a warm May day in 1952.

Make Curzon of the HKAAC volunteered to make the pace for the first 700 metres and dropped out half way. He set a cracking pace from the start and had to slow down to allow Burch to catch up with him after 300 metres covered in 45 seconds.

Despite a slowish third lap Burch started on the lap (the only 3 minutes 5 seconds elapsed) and the Colony record was then already very much in the bag. The last quarter was covered in 68 seconds.

This was the only outstanding performance of a meeting producing the poorest standard for an HKAAC show since the Association was founded in 1951. Hongkong just doesn't have the same athletic talent around this year as it has had in the past few.

Chai Ming, Colony record-holder in the Long Jump at 22 feet 10½ inches, attracted a great gallery when word went round that he had cleared 23 feet in a warming-up jump about an hour before the competition commenced.

But in his six trials he managed three no-jumps and could only register 21 feet 8½ inches on his best attempt. He will have another try at his own Colony record and the pre-war best mark of 23 feet 3½ inches by Yu Kai-yan at Pokfulam this coming Saturday. His coach, Mr. C. B. Gurevitch, predicts that he will clear 24 feet before the end of the season.

At the University Athletic Club's Inter-Faculty Sports this coming Saturday there will also be an attempt on the Colony record of 53.2 seconds for 440 Yards made by Cpl. T. E. Williams at Sookpoo in 1951.

The all-star field will be Stephen Xavier (HKAAAC), Lt. M. C. Sweeney (14 Field Regt., RA), Lt. Keith Burch (1 Bn., The Essex Regt.), Leung Kam-po (South China AA) and Mike Curzon (HKAAAC). All five are capable of under 54 seconds at their best and it will be their only race of the day. On a 330-yard track with a long 100-yard straight to the finishing post it will be a great opportunity of lowering Williams' mark.

Mike Curzon had no one to push him in the 800 Metres and was content with a 2:10 clocking—not a bad effort after quite a few races in the Police Sports heats and the RE Open Mile—in the past few days.

With Stephen Xavier busy with his final exams and Lt. Sweeney confining himself to the 200 and 400 Metres, the 100 Metres final was the most open in years and Chai Ming won in a modest 11.3 seconds in a close finish with L. Goodwin, former BACB Champion, and Wong Man-wai, SCAA veteran.

Sweeney proved that he will be a threat for the Colony 400 Metres title with a 65.6 victory against Leung Kam-po after the 200 Metres final and a heat of the 400.

The Ho Hit-po battle with Roy Bell ended in a victory for the former in a fast—61.0 seconds—finish. Bell was upset by the fast early pace set by Leung Kam-po and inexperience contributed as much to his defeat as did Hit-po's experience.

Mo May-ye scored a surprise 13-20.4 double against Lam Kai-lan in the Women's 100 and 200 Metres, winning by a tenth of a second in the shorter sprint and by a half in the longer. Both girls may yet threaten the Colony sprint records.

Home Soccer Standings

London, Jan. 15.
Football League standings after today's matches are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION				
	P	W	D	L
Sunderland	20	10	3	3
Wolves	20	8	0	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	8	0	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	7	1	3
Cardiff	20	7	1	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	7	1	3
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SECOND DIVISION				
	P	W	D	L
Blackburn	20	10	3	3
Luton Town	20	10	3	3
Southampton	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3

THIRD DIVISION (South)				
	P	W	D	L
Leyton Orient	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3

THIRD DIVISION (North)				
	P	W	D	L
Accrington	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Wed.	20	10	3	3
Sheff. Utd.	20	10	3	3
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SATURDAY'S RUGGER

BILL STOKER'S XV THE WINNERS IN A FAST AND FURIOUS THRILLER

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon on the Club ground, in the Taipan's game, Stoker's XV overcame the Commander British Forces team by 20 points (1 goal, 3 penalty goals, 2 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in a fast and furious thriller with the final score giving no indication of the nature of the game.

At the end of the game the Cup, presented by General Sir E. C. R. Mansergh, KCB, KBE, MC to the Club for the winners of this game, was handed over to Petrie, as captain of the winning team, by Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSC.

Previous to the main event of the afternoon there was a curtain-raiser between Wing Commander J. A. Read's XV and Lt. Col. T. H. Gibbons XV which the latter team won by 9 points (1 penalty goal, 2 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in a fast and furious thriller with the final score giving no indication of the nature of the game.

In the first game of the afternoon Read's team got the lion's share of the ball, but it was the Gibbons XV, where Griffiths and Harris in the forwards and the field while Hala and Wells were excellent in the loose.

Despite this fact, Read's XV never showed a sign of being overpowered. They were slow in the attack, with the centre, passing loosely, and it was seldom that the ball travelled as far as the wing before being knocked on.

When it did get out to the wing, Moore showed a lovely burst of speed which left his opponents behind, and had it not been for Philipps at full back for Gibbons' XV, Read's team would have scored more often.

In the other team, the three-fifths were a good team, with Garry giving them a good service and made a few invaluable openings on his own. Paul on the wing had a very good game and is one of the few wingers at present in the Colony who goes straight into the wing, without running into touch.

Giddle, newly back in the Colony, was the referee, and kept the game well in hand and was much stricter than many of his colleagues have been of late. The result was a much better game than we have seen of late.

Gibbons' XV kicked off, and began to press, but Read's XV cleared upfield with some good kicking. Back and forth surged the play with first one side and then the other looking dangerous.

Gibbons were the first to settle down, and a good touch kick by McGarrity, playing his best game this season, sent them to within ten yards of their opponents' line.

The ball went loose, and Halsey, showing a definite improvement in form, cleared to the 25, where Gibbons were awarded a penalty for offside. Farquharson narrowly missed the kick.

Fangio Wins Argentine Grand Prix

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16. Juan Manuel Fangio, of the Argentine, driving a German Mercedes car, won the Argentine Grand Prix motor race here today.

Fangio 1954 World Champion, won the corresponding race last year in Monte Carlo. According to official times, Fangio covered 90 laps in 3 hours 0 minutes, 38.6 seconds at an average speed of 75.10 miles per hour.

Giuseppe Farina (Italy) in a Ferrari was second, and Humberto Maglioli (Italy), also in a Ferrari, was third.

The race, first event counting towards the 1955 World Drivers' Championship, was run under a blizzarding sun, which affected most of the drivers, including British ace Stirling Moss, who was making his first track appearance in the Mercedes team.

Only seven finished, Moss being one of those forced to drop out.

Fangio scored eight points towards the World Championship and also one point for the fastest lap—one minute 48.3 seconds.

President Peron and more than a quarter of a million spectators watched the race—Reuter.

Italy Beats Belgium

Bari, Jan. 16. Italy beat Belgium 1-0 in an international soccer match here today—Reuter.

CHAMPION SKATER



British Skating Champion Yvonne Sugden at London Airport prior to leaving for St Moritz where she will prepare for the European and World Championships.—Express Photo.

Spotlighting The Three-Year-Olds Of 1955

Solarium Will Stay For The Derby

By JAMES PARK

While Royal Palm is likely to be Sam Armstrong's hope for the 2,000 Guineas, more faith will be reposed in Solarium as a Derby prospect. This colt won two of his three races and, as one of them was over the Old Mile at Ascot in soft going, he has something more than a turn of speed to commend him.

The other victory was also gained at Ascot but, as he did not have a quotation in the ring and returned more than 58-1 on the Tote, it can only be assumed that he surprised the stable.

I liked the look of the beautifully fringed colt in the paddock that day but did not expect him to win. Perhaps the trainer, Mr. J. C. B. Smith, was just as surprised when the colt fought on well over the sixth furlong.

RIGHT SIZE

On the score of looks Solarium will hold his own in any company. He is of just the right size and perfectly balanced. Bred by the late Mr. James V. Rank, the colt is brown and so does not take after his sire, Hypocrite, in colour.

The dam is Superior Stud. The next dam, Superior, was a daughter of Lady Buzzer, one of the foundation mares of Fred Darling's stud.

Solarium is a half-brother to Promotion, who won over a mile and a half but was probably better at a mile and a quarter. I should say there is a reasonable prospect of Solarium staying a mile and a half, but I am not sure he is quite as good as he looks. If he is, he could go a long way.

CONSISTENT

North Cone is rated with 11 lb. of Solarium, but has no classic engagements. North Cone was a model of consistency, winning three of his six races.

He missed me on the only occasion he failed to gain a place. That was in a six furlong nursery at Newmarket, which I thought he would win, but, after having as good a chance as anything going into the Dip, he faded up the hill like a non-stayer.

Geoffrey Berling, who trains the colt for Lord Ellesmere, was by no means convinced he had made a mistake. So the colt was sent to Sandown to run over seven furlongs in the Solarium Stakes.

WAITING ORDERS

This time the jockey had waiting orders. Sierra Nevada looked to have settled the issue with less than a furlong to go when North Cone appeared from nowhere. Producing a fine turn of speed, he finished full of running to win cleverly.

That made me realise I had misjudged North Cone at Newmarket. There are many horses who cannot stay six furlongs if asked to go along all the way but who can get a longer distance if saved for a run at the finish.

I doubt whether North Cone will race above good, handily ranked, but he has the scope to make at least normal progress. As a son of Sign Light, something about a mile should be in him in his stamper.

On Friday last Mrs. Blanche Walker held out in one of the six, green at 50-1. She will now have her name inscribed on the Viking Cup which was presented to the Club by Mr. Walker, who it will be recalled, held out in one himself on the 10th green last month.

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LEAGUE CRICKET

Pegg Pulls Army South Out Of An Awkward Position At Sookunpoo

By "GOOGLY"

Recreo fought an uphill battle against the strong Army South team and went down by four wickets to give the soldiers four extra points to retain the leadership of the First Division of the Cricket League.

Recreo were very unfortunate to lose their first three wickets for only 30 runs. Had they been more alert they could have avoided throwing away these wickets. But Eddie Gosano and Mickey Remedios soon put things right and their partnership put up 47 runs, before both fell to Clark. Clark did all the damage and finished with figures of eight wickets for 36 runs in 12.3 overs, four of which were maidens.

The soldiers opened with Wicket and Model, but they too lost their first three wickets for 36 runs and this time Gerry Gosano did the damage. At one stage Army were six for 80 and then Pegg went in to save the soldiers from a awkward position. He contributed a useful undefeated 40 that made all the difference.

It was only two weeks ago that KCC pulled a last-minute win over RAF. On Saturday they did it again and this time Optimists were their victims.

Kowloon Cricket Club batted first and amassed a huge score of 177 runs for five wickets declared. Topping the batting honours were Pat Dodge with 68 and Coffey with an undefeated 67.

When the Chater Road side came in to bat they lost Leader, Puckerton, Pritchard and Salmon with only 31 runs on the board.

Then Rory Macpherson stopped the rot and batted consistently to be top scorer for his side with 87.

With only one over to go, Optimists were nine wickets down with four runs needed for a victory when their last man, Hughes, was clean bowled by Jenner to give KCC the points.

Thanks to a fine knock by Weller (96), Scorpions had no difficulty in beating University by five wickets. HKU put up a respectable score of 190 but found their opponents just a shade better.

Army North were held to a draw by RAF at Kai Tak. The soldiers had first knock put up a score of 170 runs.

Police pulled off another fine win over the Navy in a low scoring match at Happy Valley.

There were two upsets in the Junior Division. IRC "B" beating Dockyard by four wickets and KGV beating the strong RAF team by 23 runs. The IRC bowlers were in deadly form with A. M. O'Neil taking six wickets for 18 runs and Arthur Hummahn three for four to give them a grand victory over their more fancied opponents.

In the remaining games Army and KCC had easy victories over Recreo and DBS respectively.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army South	12	8	1	3	35
KCC	11	7	2	2	30
RAF	11	6	3	2	28
Army North	11	6	3	2	28
RAF	9	5	2	2	22
Recreo	11	5	4	2	22
Police	11	5	5	1	21
Scorpions	10	4	6	0	16
Optimists	10	4	6	0	16
CCC	10	4	6	0	16
Navy	11	1	9	1	5
University	9	0	9	0	0

Second Division	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army	11	7	2	2	30
Police	12	7	4	1	29
RAF	12	6	3	3	27
KCC	11	6	3	2	26
IRC "A"	10	6	3	1	25
IRC "B"	10	6	3	1	25
Recreo	9	5	2	2	22
Dockyard	13	6	6	1	22
DBS	12	4	7	1	17
Navy	11	3	7	1	13
University	9	0	9	0	0

£1,000,000 In Overall Losses

Liverpool, Jan. 16. Overall losses as a result of the cancellation of football pools in Britain yesterday were estimated at about £1,000,000 here today.

Bad weather postponed 41 British Football League games on Saturday afternoon. As a result forecasts of probable winners by millions of people throughout the country were made void.

The losses were made up of Government—about £48,000 in tax; Post Office—about £27,000 in duties on postal orders; Pools firms—about £400,000 in running expenses, which had to be met without usual profits.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race (run at 12 o'clock NOON) each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found the sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 21st January at—382, Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m. 5, D'Aguiar Street, at 5.00 p.m. Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards.

N. MIBA, Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE

PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

Over 700,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.
5 D'Aguiar Street, at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards,
PEAT, MARWICK & CO.
Treasurers.

